

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein. Claims 1, 6, 11, 16 and 19 have been amended. Claims 2, 9 and 12 have been canceled. No claims have been added. Thus, claims 1, 3-8, 10, 11, 13-18 and 20 are pending.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 102(c)

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 20 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,245,879 issued to Sadri, et al. (*Sadri*). The independent claims have been amended to include subject matter indicated as allowable by the Office Action. Therefore, claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 20 are not anticipated by *Sadri*.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 2, 4, 7, 9, 12, 14, 17 and 19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the rejections have been overcome. Therefore, claims 1, 3-8, 10, 11, 13-18 and 20 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present

application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit

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